



TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 31, 1901.

## ALEXANDRIA IN THE 20TH CENTURY.

Throughout most of the year 1901 the Gazette has endeavored to show that the present condition of Alexandria should be regarded as especially satisfactory from the fact that work can be procured by nearly everybody who wants it. This is a state of affairs seldom noted in the history of this city, save during the civil war when an abnormal condition existed which like a high tide left the city bedraggled and not effectually benefited. From the close of hostilities up to a year or two ago Alexandrians, realizing the fact that they were struggling in a commercial sense while other places were forging ahead, invited capital here, portraying the city's natural advantages, &c. As time went on our people ever and anon became the victims of cruel sells in the shape of promised iron works, new railroads and dreams superinduced by mythical steamship companies and other organizations which existed on paper.

During all these years the people had their hopes shattered—first in one institution and then in another—until it seemed that the place was destined to become the graveyard of nearly everything in the way of enterprises which people had the nerve to start here. We had waited long and patiently for a change in the tide of our affairs, but the buoy pointed downstream and the steady eddy continued. Some dreamed new streets would prove the panacea for commercial depression, while others imagined brass bands, free lunches and fireworks would attract the attention of capitalists. Another class were convinced that a street fair would put Alexandria on a manufacturing basis and prove the nucleus of a great commercial career; others were equally sure changes in the present plans of assessment were all that was needed to animate Alexandria. Enthusiastic associations were formed and cart loads of literature distributed, medals coined and badges prepared, pictures and maps printed, a day set and invitations extended to all mankind to come to Alexandria. Many responded, but after a day or two of carnival and vanity fair performances the crowd departed, probably chuckling over the thought that "Fools give feasts and wise men eat at them." While all this was going on, however, and this and that one expatiating on what could and should be done, each in the meantime waiting for the other to act, a few practical, quiet and unpretentious gentlemen were at work in Alexandria. They were conceiving modest enterprises themselves, thoroughly tired of dreamers, theorists and talkers, and were working assiduously to place on a sound footing enterprises which results have shown are destined to become Alexandria institutions. They were not waiting for others to come here and develop the city, but were convinced that if anything was to be realized in the way of manufactures it must be done by Alexandrians and with Alexandria capital. They employed no brass bands nor participated in any Punch and Judy performances in order to further their purposes, and by their efforts in a short time placed the city in a position it seldom enjoyed before—that is making it possible for every man, woman and child who desired employment to obtain it. Certainly this had been the great desideratum for many years, and now that it has been brought about advantage should be taken of it.

The Gazette recently called attention to the fact that ten years ago, when everyone supposed the city was nearing the end of its rope, an inventory disclosed the fact that more business was being transacted here than at any other time since the place was incorporated. During the decade which has followed it is known that the business of the city has forged ahead wonderfully, more so than we had any reason to hope for. There is no necessity to enter into details in order to prove this. The wholesale merchants, glass, shoe, overall, hosiery, fertilizer and other manufacturers, as well as the proprietors of foundries and planing and saw mills, will attest the truth of the observation.

But the most encouraging feature of all is the fact that it is no longer necessary to "stand all the day idle," as was once lamentable, people having risked their capital and put machinery in motion which affords employment to the many dependent upon their daily labor. The railroads alone which centre here keep a small army of men in regular employment while the many local enterprises located here and there, each employing from a dozen to one hundred hands, form in the aggregate a large body.

It has been a noticeable fact during the past year that it has been difficult to secure the services of artisans in several branches of business in Alexandria, while factories, mills, &c., have been run at night in order to meet the

growing demand for Alexandria products.

Besides the things pictured above a decided spirit for public improvements has developed during the past twelve months, and conservative, sensible experiments in the way of street work are now being made. During the past six months three squares of vitrified brick pavement have been laid, and preparations have been made for the same work on other streets. Within a year or two it is confidently believed all of King street will have been clothed in the new garb, together with several squares of Washington street and parts of other thoroughfares here and there throughout the city. New sewers, gas and water pipes have been laid during the year and other work of this nature will be done during the coming year.

There are no material changes in the history of the city's affairs during the year from a statistical standpoint. About the same number of souls have passed into another world, while a corresponding number have made their advent. The city has suffered from no disaster nor epidemics during the year, and altogether we have much for which to be thankful. There has been no marked variations in the affairs of the different departments of the city, nor in the State or Federal offices and about the average volume of business has been transacted by the banks.

As has been said several times recently in the Gazette, there is every reason to believe that the tide has turned toward Alexandria. It is now but gently pressing our way and all should vie and wait patiently for the flood, realizing the fact that it all depends upon our own endeavors. There have been some drops which are to precede the shower, and sooner or later the city's enterprises will be expanding and others, embryonic now, will materialize into Alexandria institutions. Let all hail the new year and determine that it shall not go into history without being looked upon as memorable in the city's annals.

It will be seen that the Gazette has made little attempt to gather statistics this year concerning this or that branch of industry. The glaring lights and the hum of machinery in factories after regular working hours has been the most impressive object lesson we could present in contrast to the cob-webs and silence of by-gone years. The foundation for success has been laid in the factories and other places ready to furnish employment. Industry and perseverance—while it is hoped our community possesses—are all that is needed and a kind providence will bless our endeavors.

THE OLD YEAR will depart tonight and the new will arrive. With the former there is nothing to do except to profit by its experiences. It is in the limbo of the past, and for all purposes, except those to which its experiences may be useful, it may just as well have died before the calendar was changed. Time flies; and having once flown can never be recalled. A miracle could raise the dead, but there is no human power that can bring back a moment that has gone. Regrets, therefore, about the misfortunes of the past year are what no wise man entertains. The occurrences of that year are actual facts. Before they became such it was well enough to hope, fight, pray and mourn against them. When David's child died his mourning was over and he refreshed himself. Truth is immutable, and what was wise in David's time is wise now. Let the dead bury the dead—the living have more profitable as well as more urgent employment. "The old year having gone, then, and taken its joys as well as its sorrows with it, those who love wisdom will turn to the new year and be on the watch to steer clear through its shoals and quicksands, so as to reach in safety the harbor where prizes await those who have sense and energy to find them. The equality of opportunity is all that a wise system of government should give to the people it controls. All the people of this country enjoy that opportunity, and the history of the union proves that industry, application and energy will not be without ample reward. What has been will be again, and with the knowledge that patience and perseverance conquer all things, to cheer us, let us give the new year a hearty welcome.

SENATOR MASON, of Illinois, shortly after the reorganization of Congress will introduce a bill providing for the purchase by the United States government of the telegraph lines now operating in the country. Representative Jackson, of Kansas, has already introduced such a measure at the other end of the Capitol, but the significance of Senator Mason's bill is that he is the chairman of the committee on postoffices. It is not likely that he would make a move in this direction unless he thoroughly understood the attitude of the Administration on the question. His proposed action becomes all the more significant when taken into account with the fact that the next Postmaster General, Henry C. Payne, is known to favor government ownership of telegraph lines. The efforts to make this a central and a paternal government are becoming more apparent and when they succeed and the army of railroad and telegraph employees is added to that of the present government office holders, the man who happens to be president at that time and who wants to be dictator and has the nerve, would have little difficulty in accomplishing his desire.

THE STATE Constitutional Convention reassembles tomorrow—that's all.

THE GAZETTE with today's issue completes its 102d consecutive volume and extends a happy new year to the present generation, as it did to people living one hundred years ago. Amid all the vicissitudes of Alexandria, the ravages of Time and visits from the unwelcome guest who has at times (and recently) invaded its sanctum, it has continued, on filling faithfully its duty to the community which has welcomed it almost since colonial days. It tends its many readers the compliments of the season, expressing for them its best wishes as well as a sincere hope that the year 1902 may have much in the way of a blessing for old Alexandria.

THE LAST DAY of 1901 was mild, bright and beautiful, but its smiles were in sad contrast with the tears of those who had been bereft of loved ones during the year.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, December 31.

When the Isthmian canal bill is taken up for consideration in the House on January 1, an amendment will be offered providing that the selection of the route shall be left to the President of the United States. This is the plan of those Senators and members who believe that the coming offer to sell the Panama canal to the United States for \$40,000,000 provides so big a bargain that this country cannot afford to overlook it. It is not believed that such an amendment can prevail in the House where the sentiment is strongly in favor of authorizing the construction of the canal over the Nicaraguan route. But when the bill goes over to the Senate Mr. Lodge, the personal representative of the President in that body, will, it is said, propose the same course of procedure. The effect will be to provide a means for extended debate, long delay and possibly to actually force a favorable consideration of the Panama canal proposition. It is now definitely settled that a clear title can be obtained to the Panama route. Secretary Hay, it is said, believes that all things being equal the Panama canal route should be secured by the United States for the reason that if this country should build the canal across Nicaragua any European power or combination of powers could complete the Panama canal and become a dangerous competitor of this government.

At noon today, in the presence of a distinguished assemblage that crowded the Church of the Ascension, on Massachusetts avenue, Miss Minnie Cromwell, daughter of Rear Admiral Cromwell, of United States navy, was married to Ensign Needham Lee Jones. The best man was Ensign Thomas C. Hart, Bridgeport, best man and ushers were all in full dress uniforms, as were the majority of the officers of the army and navy who attended. The bride's maid of honor was Miss Cynthia Richards, of Washington. Bishop Satterlee performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Dr. Elliot, rector of the Church of the Ascension. After the wedding a breakfast was served at the Admiral's residence. The young couple left this afternoon for a short trip north.

"The treasury is in a condition of unexampled strength," said Secy Gage today when asked to review briefly the Treasury situation at the close of the year. For the calendar year we show receipts in excess of the ordinary expenditure amounting roundly to one hundred million dollars. Such an excess might have resulted in a serious embarrassment had not the department been able by means of this surplus to reduce the public debt in a large amount. Since April 1, last, the Treasury has redeemed and cancelled United States bonds to the value of \$58,714,700, which would, and the disbursement resulting therefrom was \$72,226,555. The available cash on hand is therefore only about \$50,000,000 larger than the amount held a year ago.

Officials of the State department refuse to affirm or deny the press report from Caracas saying that Minister Bowen has induced Germany to postpone temporarily any action of a warlike character which it may have felt disposed to take in order to force Venezuela to a payment of her \$2,000,000 claim. They admit, however, that Minister Bowen has great discretionary power in the matter and that they have full confidence in his judgment and ability. They are very positively to Washington on the subject.

The International Banking Corporation was today decided upon by the Cabinet as the fiscal agent of the United States for the collection of the Chinese indemnity. The concern was organized in New York for the purpose of doing a banking business in the Orient and by securing the government business for the indemnity collection will probably give it prestige and bring it business.

The reported engagement of Senator Thos. C. Platt, of New York, to Miss Lillian T. Janeway, widow of Dr. W. B. Janeway, the once famous New York physician, has been occupying the attention of the gossipers here during the past few weeks. No authoritative announcement has been made.

Persons who like to know about physical peculiarities of public men will be interested in the information that Governor Shaw, the next Secretary of the Treasury, has six toes on each foot.

Workmen are busy preparing the White House for the ball to be given in honor of Miss Alice Roosevelt.

Three applications for pardon were returned to the pardon-clerk of the department of justice today marked, on the back, "Denied, T. R."

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

## Foreign News.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Philippe Bunauvarilla, a large shareholder in the Panama Canal and an engineer of the old company, urges the shareholders to sell the canal to the United States to save it from utter ruin, as the success of the Nicaragua canal would be fatal to the Panama canal. Bunauvarilla proposes that \$40,000,000 be the price set for the Panama Canal or, that American government be allowed to fix the price itself.

Hong Kong, Dec. 31.—The German steamer Clara was wrecked today near Hai-Han, on the strait of Hai-Nan. The captain, chief officer, chief engineer, second engineer, four passengers, and eleven Chinese are missing. Forty-two persons were saved.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The majority of the German press today discussing the anti-German attitude of the American papers regarding the German-Venezuelan incident, express the hope that America will soon be convinced of Germany's peaceful intention.

London, Dec. 31.—It is said that King Edward is in better health than he has been for a long time. His voice is no longer husky and, after dinner, his majesty smokes four cigars.

## Election Day in Cuba.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Throughout the entire island of Cuba a general election is being held today at which will be chosen by the suffrage of the people, presidential and senatorial electors, members of the House of Representatives, governors of provinces and members of the provincial councils, which correspond to the State legislatures of this country. Although no formal transfer will be made by the United States of its authority over the island until probably next spring or summer, beginning with today the people of Cuba exercise their functions as citizens and voters. Not until the latter part of next February will the President, Vice President and Senators be chosen by their respective electors. On the 18th of that month four Senators from each province will be chosen, and on the 24th the electors will ballot for President and Vice President.

Havana, Dec. 31.—The Cuban elections are proceeding quietly today. Reports from all over the island indicate a light vote and say that no serious disturbances have occurred. Many of General Maso's adherents are voting for him, notwithstanding the announced withdrawal of his candidacy. Santiago, Puerto Principe, and Havana provinces, it is expected, will give Maso's candidates for Senators and Representatives a strong vote.

## Married the Miller's Spirit.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Sarah Williams, a widow, of 45, was last night married to Theodore Comstock, who once was a successful Michigan miller, but who has been dead a number of years. The ceremony was performed by a spiritualistic medium in the presence of a numerous following of the cult. The ceremony commenced by the singing of "Nearer my God, to Thee." The medium then went into a trance and invoked the spirit of the dead miller. The customary questions were asked the bride and groom, and answered in the customary manner, after which the medium pronounced them man and wife. After the ceremony the bride took her spirit husband home to a house she had prepared for him. She says she is well satisfied with the match.

## Terrible Deed of a Jeweler.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 31.—Reports received from Turner Falls this morning say Louis Bizer, a jeweler, shot his wife and two children, a boy and a girl, and also a woman clerk, Miss Ida Cullum, in his employ. The boy and Miss Cullum are dead. Bizer is under arrest. Bizer is supposed to have been worrying over business troubles and was seized with a fit of dementia, when he committed the crime. Later reports say Miss Cullum, his clerk, and a son were shot and killed and his wife and two young daughters were seriously wounded by bullets from his revolver. The boy was six years old. Bizer has been in business here for several years. He is about 35 years old.

## The Ohio Fight.

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—The chief development in the Foraker-Hanna factional fight for control of the legislature is the fact that Senator Foraker has taken personal charge of the handling of the Toledo situation. In this he has relieved E. G. Biddison, his Columbus manager, and Charles L. Kurtz, his silent partner and planner. There is every indication that Price, the Foraker slate for Speaker will receive one or more votes out of the Toledo delegation of four which the Hanna men are claiming solidly. There seems no change in the situation—Hanna is in abeyance pending definite knowledge of how Lucas county will go.

## May Have Been Buried Alive.

Elyria, Ohio, Dec. 31.—The bodies of Father Nolan and Father Sullivan, former pastors of St. Mary's Catholic Church, of this city, were exhumed yesterday and taken to the Canonic Cemetery for permanent interment. Father Sullivan was only 37 years of age when he died, 21 years ago. When the skeleton was exhumed today, the head was observed to be twisted to one side and the bony fingers of both hands were clutching wisps of hair. This seems to indicate that there must have been some sort of muscular contraction after death and burial. It is thought by some that the priest was buried alive.

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Mrs. Shaw, the wife of the next secretary of the treasury, is a total abstemious woman, and society women are guessing whether she will permit wine on the table at State dinners.

## EDWARD MARYE SHOT.

City Engineer Edward A. Marye, of Newport News, son of Col. Morton Marye, state auditor, was shot and fatally wounded yesterday afternoon, a few minutes before 5 o'clock, at the corner of Washington avenue and Twenty-eight street in Newport News by C. Aylett Ashby, a prominent young lawyer, who also accidentally shot Policeman J. W. Woodward. The affair created a great commotion owing to the prominence of both parties. Mr. Marye is now at the Newport News Hospital, with one chance out of ten in his favor for recovery, and Mr. Ashby is out on \$20,000 bail. An operation was performed on Mr. Marye which showed that the ball which entered his body passed in near the navel and glanced to the right, tearing a hole through the liver without penetrating the intestines. Officer Woodward was shot in the breast just above the heart. The brass button on his outer coat unquestionably saved his life.

Mr. Ashby surrendered and was taken to the station. He at once retained Attorney R. M. Lott, and sent for Judge Blackstone, who was at Old Point, to hear argument in application for bail. Banker George A. Schmelz went to the station after the shooting and told Mr. Ashby to call upon him for bail, if necessary, up to \$50,000. Others offered immediately to go on his bond.

The news of the shooting spread rapidly and was soon the talk of the city, crowds gathering in the vicinity of the scene and around the hospital and stationhouse.

According to the stories told, Mr. Marye had endeavored for some time to pay attention to Miss Mary O. Garnett, daughter of Mr. Mary O. Garnett, and Mr. Ashby's sister-in-law. According to the story, Mr. Marye's suit had been rejected and this angered him. He endeavored to force his attentions, it is said, when the young lady's brother finally took a hand. Yesterday afternoon Marye purchased a whip, it is alleged, and started out to look for an editor with whom he had words some days ago. He must have changed his mind, for at 4:20 o'clock he was hurrying up Washington avenue, and 10 minutes after Policeman Woodward was approached by a colored woman, who excitedly told him that a man was throwing bricks at a house.

The policeman hastened to the place and, he states, saw Mr. Marye throw four bricks at the Garnett residence before he could reach him. Mr. Marye appeared to be somewhat under the influence of liquor. He offered no resistance, and said to the officer, "You are right, Woodward," accompanying him. The pair proceeded down the avenue in the direction of the Court-house, the officer not holding his prisoner.

Prior to the arrest, according to later developments, Mrs. Ashby, who, with her husband, lives with her mother, telephoned to Mr. Ashby telling him of what had occurred at the house and asking him to come home at once and protect her. It is stated in this connection that Mr. Marye had rung the doorbell, when someone opened the door, and seeing him, shut the door again. This angered him and prompted his action. At the corner of Twenty-eighth street the officer and his prisoner were met by Mr. Ashby, who was accompanied by G. L. Puzell, a friend, who had seen Marye's first attack and had notified Mr. Ashby.

On meeting Marye, Ashby said, "You are the cur I am looking for," and with that he fired at his head, the ball missing. The next bullet struck the policeman, who jumped between the two, and the third struck Marye. Another shot was fired without doing any injury, the ball dropping from the clothing of the officer when he was examined.

Mr. Marye walked across to a drug store, with the assistance of friends, and Officer Woodward placed Ashby under arrest. Ashby did not know that Marye was shot, and insisted on keeping hold of him until he discovered his mistake while in the drug store. Marye stretched out on the floor, called Ashby to him, extended his hand, which was taken, and told Ashby that he could not be blamed. He was then removed to the hospital, where the operation was performed, and Ashby taken to the court-house, the policeman being removed to his own home. Later, before the operation, Marye sent for Ashby, but Chief of Police Johnson would not permit the prisoner to leave the station.

At the hospital last night before Judge Blackstone, for bail, Mr. Ashby made a statement, giving a history of the affair and how he was notified of Marye's conduct. He said Marye made no attempt to draw any weapon, and as far as he knew Marye was unarmed. The trouble was the story of family matters, and the differences with Mrs. Garnett, Miss May Garnett and Allie Garnett, a brother. Mrs. Ashby testified as to Mr. Marye's visit to the house yesterday afternoon. She said he had been a visitor at the house before and had been friendly being ordered to keep away, she said the trouble originated over the attentions of Mr. Marye to her sister.

A. L. Garnett stated that Marye had called at his office recently and asked his sister had treated him badly, and he challenged him to a duel to the death. He declined to entertain the challenge and afterward consulted with Marye's friends, advising them for his good to keep him away from the Garnett home.

Judge Blackstone bailed the prisoner in the sum of \$20,000 to appear January 7. Upon being released, Mr. Ashby was immediately surrounded by many friends offering him their sympathies and congratulations.

Mr. Marye was born in this city where he lived until he removed to Richmond when his father was elected State Auditor. He is a brother of Capt. P. Thornton Marye, the well-known architect, who commanded Company G, Fourth Virginia Volunteers, during the Spanish-American war. He has two brothers in Richmond, one of them being Robert L. Marye, a well-known young lawyer. Mr. Marye's sister is the wife of J. S. Barber, Thompson, of the Southern Railway. Marye had been very much wrought up over the recent paving fight and the attacks made on him by a local newspaper. He had hardly slept for two weeks, and yesterday had been drinking. He made up his mind to borrow the editor of the paper, and bought a whip. His brother took his revolver away, and, after promising to go with him to the newspaper office at 7 o'clock, persuaded him to go home. On his way home Marye passed the home of the young lady, and is supposed to have been wrought up to such a pitch that he did not know what he was doing.

Marye is a peculiarly sensitive, impulsive man. He recently challenged S. L. Glover, editor of the Richmond Times, to a duel. His challenge to Garnett and his anxiety lest the man who shot him down would be biased are in line with his character.

A dispatch received in this city at 2:30 o'clock this evening stated that young Marye was holding his own remarkably well, but that it is feared that his wound will yet prove fatal.

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Frank Hutchinson Peavey, of Minneapolis, said to be the greatest grain elevator man in the world, who died in Chicago yesterday, had his life insured for \$1,376,000.

Joseph, the famous maitre d'hotel, who was formerly at Pallard's and was engaged in 1888 by W. K. Vanderbilt as his chef at a salary of \$10,000 a year, died in Paris yesterday.

At a meeting in New York yesterday evening James J. Jeffries and Thomas Sharkey signed articles for a prize fight to take place between March 17 and April 30 at the Yosemite Athletic Club, San Francisco. The fight will be limited to twenty rounds.

A procession was held in Havana on Sunday in support of the candidacy of Tomas Estrada Palma, who is today seeking election to the Presidency. It was announced by the official element that the procession would be the largest seen since the intervention and that it would show the hold General Maximo Gomez has upon the people. General Gomez being an active supporter of Senator Palma. The affair, however, was almost a complete failure.

An official note issued by the German government states that the negotiations between Germany and Venezuela continue, and that there is no truth in the dispatches from Caracas stating that the German minister has left the Venezuelan capital. The German foreign office has also received a dispatch from Secretary Hay expressing full satisfaction with Germany's position. Talk of war between the United States and Germany is received with incredulity in Berlin.

Every county in the State was represented at the dinner given the democratic members of the Maryland legislature in Baltimore last night by Chairman Vandiver, of the State committee, at the Eutaw House. Former Senator Gorman and Governor Smith occupied the seats of honor. There were fully 200 guests, not a county or district leader being absent. Mr. Gorman was the only speaker. He was toasted as the next United States Senator, and when he arose received an ovation. Every member of the legislature raised his hand and pledged to support him for the Senate. He declared young as well as old men were recognized by the democratic party. Noble L. Mitchell will be speaker of the House. Both houses will caucus at Annapolis to-night and meet on Wednesday.

## TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Three robbers attempted to crack the safe in the Milford, Conn., Savings Bank today. They were frightened off before they had time to fire the nitro glycerine charge.

The body of Nell Crosby, who was murdered near Elizabeth City, N. C., arrived at New York, this morning over the Pennsylvania Railroad and later was interred in the New Utrecht cemetery near Bath Beach.

Last night the convent of St. Ann, attached to St. Joseph's French Catholic Church, and gymnasium hall were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of about \$50,000. All the inmates of the burned buildings escaped unharmed.

Safe crackers broke into the post-office at Nottingham, a suburb of Cleveland, O., early this morning, blew the safe with dynamite, wrecking the place and got away with \$300 worth of money and stamps, and much valuable merchandise from the general store of J. B. Hoese, the postmaster.

The colored ministers of Boston have sent out resolutions requesting that each State and the District of Columbia send two delegates to meet in Washington and call upon the President in behalf of the youth of their race. The object of the call is to secure admission of colored boys to West Point and Annapolis.

The New York police have arrested a mysterious young woman who it is believed will shed much light on the robbery of \$65,000 worth of jewelry belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thebaud. The woman is thought to be Mme. Pollion, who left her home Friday, supposedly to elope with Edward Kern, the valet of Thebaud, now missing. When arrested she had in her possession two watches believed to contain some of the missing gems.

Willie and Mary Daniels, aged five and seven years, living near Sand Creek, Ind., were yesterday bitten in several places by a rattlesnake which had taken refuge from the cold weather in a stick of wood which had been carried into the house and placed behind the stove to dry. The little ones are in a precarious condition.

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